

I wish to comment on the classification of cable modem service as an information service.

The cable modem service should be considered in the same way as a leased channel or channels on the cable system.

The cable franchise agreement between a city and a cable company is a contract trading right-of-way access in exchange for monetary compensation.

If this rule making were to continue down this path,

a cable company could eliminate any responsibility to make good on that contract by simply removing or reclassifying "channels" as information services.

This type of "regulation" will stifle competition by continuing the local monopolies that cable companies enjoy.